

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently in this application. Claim 7 has been amended hereby. Claims 1, 6-9, 13, and 14 are in independent form. Entry of this Amendment and favorable reconsideration is requested.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 7 has been amended to remove the recitation "only."

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 7 meets all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1 and 3-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0097247 ("Ohba") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,331,856 ("Nakamura"); and of the rejection of Claim 2, as being obvious over Ohba in view of Nakamura and U.S. Patent No. 6,160,899 ("Lee").

The Examiner alleges that Nakamura discloses a configuration for executing a predetermined processing by detecting touches to a plurality of points in a predetermined order.

However, the description of the relevant portion (Fig. 51) of Nakamura pointed to by the Examiner, for instance, col. 35, lines 36-37, 45-46, and 59-60 discloses "A tambourine mark moves along the arrow," and following after the above portion, lines 37-41 in the same column, discloses that "The operation device 80 is moved along the tambourine mark. Positions of the operation device 80 are incessantly detected to incessantly check whether the operation device 80 agrees with the tambourine mark moving along the arrow." It is apparent from these portions of Nakamura that a plurality of tambourine marks, corresponding to the touch points of the presently claimed invention, are not displayed simultaneously, and that a single tambourine mark

is moved along the direction of the arrow which is moving according to a movement of the operation device 80.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the description of Fig. 51 of Nakamura does not show or suggest that a plurality of tambourine marks are displayed simultaneously, as in the presently claimed invention. Nakamura, at best, discloses a single tambourine mark that is moved along with the arrow.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 6-9, 13, and 14, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over the cited references, alone or in any possible combination.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Entry of this Amendment, and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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